



Dress and Grooming Guidelines (Based on BP/AR 5132)

The Governing Board believes that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a productive learning environment. Students' clothing must not present a health or safety hazard or a distraction, which would interfere with the educational process. (cf. 4119.22 – Dress and Grooming) (cf. 5132.5 - K-8 Mandatory Uniform Dress) (cf. 5145.2 – Freedom of Speech/Expression Publications Code). BP 5132 (a)

In cooperation with teachers, students and parents/guardians, the principal or designee shall establish school rules governing student dress and grooming which are consistent with law, district policy and regulations. These school dress codes will be regularly reviewed. (cf. 0420- School Plans/Site Councils)

Students and parents/guardians shall be informed about dress and grooming standards at the beginning of the school year and whenever these standards are revised. (cf. 5144 – Discipline)

Each school shall allow students to wear sun-protective clothing, including but not limited to hats, for outdoor use during the school day. (Education Code 35183.5).

In addition the following shall apply to all regular school activities:

1. Socks will not be pulled up to meet bottom of shorts.
2. Shoes must be worn at all times. Shoes must be enclosed. Sandals must have heel straps. Flip-flops or backless shoes are not acceptable.
3. Bandanas and black gloves are not permitted.
4. Hats and caps shall not be worn indoors, only school issued baseball caps are allowed. No beanies.
5. No hoodies worn over head except outdoors in inclement weather.
6. Any clothing, jewelry, and personal items (backpacks, gym bags, water bottles, etc.) shall be free of writing, pictures, initials or any other insignia which are crude, vulgar, profane or sexually suggestive, which bear drug, alcohol or tobacco company advertising, promotions and likeness, or which advocate racial, ethnic or religious prejudice or depict initials, OC or SA in old English lettering. No sharp or spiked jewelry is allowed.
7. No belt buckles with logos or initials (including anything related to weapons, drugs, or of a sexual nature) are allowed.
8. No wallet chains.
9. Jerseys or shirts with team logos are not allowed.
10. Clothes shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times. See-through or fish-net fabrics, halter tops, off-the-shoulder or low-cut tops, bare midriffs, and skirts or shorts shorter than mid-thigh are prohibited.
11. Gym shorts may not be worn in classes other than physical education.
12. Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed. Hair may not be sprayed by any coloring that would drip when wet.

Coaches and teachers may impose more stringent dress requirements to accommodate the special needs of certain sports and/or classes. (cf.3260 – Fees and Charges.)

Gang-related Apparel:

At individual schools that have a dress code prohibiting gang related apparel at school or school activities, the principal, staff, parents/guardians and community-based crime prevention organization participating in the development of the school safety plan shall define “gang-related apparel” and shall limit this definition to apparel that reasonably could be determined to threaten the health and safety of the school environment if it were worn or displaced on the school campus. (Education Code 35294.1)

Because gang-related symbols are constantly changing, definitions of gang-related apparel shall be reviewed at least once each semester and updated whenever related information is received.